

Table 5. Number and percent distribution of emergency department visits with corresponding standard errors, by patient's principal reason for visit: United States, 2000

Principal reason for visit and RVC code ¹	Number of visits in thousands	Standard error in thousands	Percent distribution	Standard error of percent
All visits	108,017	4,529	100.0	...
Symptom module.				
General symptoms	77,445	3,436	71.7	0.5
Symptoms referable to psychological/mental disorders	16,877	751	15.6	0.3
Symptoms referable to the nervous system (excluding sense organs)	1,980	130	1.8	0.1
Symptoms referable to the cardiovascular/lymphatic system	6,190	353	5.7	0.2
Symptoms referable to the eyes and ears	732	84	0.7	0.1
Symptoms referable to the respiratory system	3,757	256	3.5	0.2
Symptoms referable to the digestive system	12,522	704	11.6	0.4
Symptoms referable to the genitourinary system	13,350	658	12.4	0.3
Symptoms referable to the skin, hair, and nails	3,760	233	3.5	0.2
Symptoms referable to the musculoskeletal system	2,990	216	2.8	0.2
Disease module	15,287	803	14.2	0.4
D001–D999	4,169	238	3.9	0.2
Diagnostic/screening and preventive module	715	87	0.7	0.1
Treatment module	2,582	188	2.4	0.1
Injuries and adverse effects module	21,808	936	20.2	0.4
Test results module	243	51	0.2	0.1
Administrative module	238	49	0.2	0.1
Other ²	817	136	0.8	0.1

... Category not applicable.

¹Based on *A Reason for Visit Classification for Ambulatory Care (RVC)* (12).²Includes problems and complaints not elsewhere classified, entries of "none," blanks, and illegible entries.

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 6. Number and percent distribution of emergency department visits with corresponding standard errors, by the 20 principal reasons for visit most frequently mentioned by patients: United States, 2000

Principal reason for visit and RVC code ¹	Number of visits in thousands	Standard error in thousands	Percent distribution	Standard error of percent
All visits	108,017	4,529	100.0	...
Stomach and abdominal pain, cramps, and spasms	6,759	405	6.3	0.2
Chest pain and related symptoms	5,798	334	5.4	0.2
Fever	4,383	289	4.1	0.2
Headache, pain in head	2,962	225	2.7	0.2
Shortness of breath	2,701	205	2.5	0.2
Back symptoms	2,595	176	2.4	0.1
Cough	2,592	233	2.4	0.2
Pain, site not referable to a specific body system	2,335	154	2.2	0.1
Laceration and cuts—upper extremity	2,322	169	2.1	0.1
Symptoms referable to throat	2,043	169	2.1	0.1
Vomiting	2,001	148	1.9	0.1
Accident, NOS ²	1,869	148	1.7	0.1
Labored or difficult breathing (dyspnea)	1,813	158	1.7	0.1
Earache or ear infection	1,798	155	1.7	0.1
Skin rash	1,638	141	1.5	0.1
Motor vehicle accident, type of injury unspecified	1,575	142	1.5	0.1
Low back symptoms	1,564	121	1.4	0.1
Injury, other and unspecified type — head, neck, and face	1,523	105	1.4	0.1
Laceration and cuts—facial area	1,439	134	1.3	0.1
Neck symptoms	1,436	119	1.3	0.1
All other reasons	56,871	2,400	52.6	0.4

... Category not applicable.

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